

The Primitive Baptist Church of Christ  
at Philadelphia

Rutherford County, N.C.

Baptist

To the Bear Creek, Primitive <sup>Baptist</sup> Association

Dear Brethren

herein acknowledge our failure last year to visit you, we feel we have reason, such as would consume space to offer in writing, we have no illinity, or even a letter of your proceedings last year, our last conference we, on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, we tried for a volunteer to represent us in May and failed we appointed our Clerk to prepare and send a letter to some of the Brethren By Mail, setting forth that if either of the Brethren with whom you are acquainted should yet volunteer and come down that you will receive him into your council, Dear Brethren we hope to represent our selves at some future day if we fail this Spring please Notice this, our monthly meeting embaces the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the Association the first Sunday, this gives us the time to prepare and send a letter By Mail, we have had ~~four~~ <sup>four</sup> deaths, and no inreces we number at pres<sup>nt</sup> eighteen Member (if I am not mistaken) this done By order of the church in confluence  
Date above written

James McSkinney M.D.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1882